(a) whether the licence of the Council has been revoked in pursuant of the above answer;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether copies of the correspondence and representations exchanged by the Regional Director Company Law Board, Kanpur with the company after the issue of the Show Cause Notice, dated the 20th November, 1985, are proposed to be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Assets of officers of public sector undertakings

620. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government in regard to the officials, in public sector undertakings, acquiring assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.

(b) how many such cases have been reported so far from units like Coal India, Steel Authority of India Limited, State Trading Corporation, Metals and Mineral Trading Corporation, Oil India, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Projects and Development India Limited, Engineering Projects Limited, Hindustan Steel Construction Limited and similar other giant public sector undertakings; and

(c) whether the officers against whom cases have been reported were suitably prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): Part (a) Model Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules, *inter alia* provide that possession of pecuniary resource or property disproportionate to the known sources of income by the employee or on his behalf by another person, which the employee cannot satisfactorily account for, will be treated as misconduct.

Part (b) and (c) Information about the number of cases reported from major public sector units is not readily available. The same is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited

621. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation dated, 19th December, 1985 from the Bharat Brakes and Valves Mazdoor Union, 13A. Creek Lane, Calcutta-700014;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) what action Government have taken on the said representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation contained a study report of the Plant capacity of Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd., a summary note on the demands of the Union, such as LTA, CCA, HRA and other matters.

(c) and (d) The representation is under examination.

Improvement in telephone service

622. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the steps so far taken by Government to improve the telephone services, specially the long-distance trunk calls throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Steps taken so far to improve

the telephone services are given below:

Local Telephone Services:—

1. Replacement of life-expired and worn out telephone exchange by modern switching system and provision of adequate spares for maintenance of serviceable equipment;

2. Improvement and expansion of inter-exchange junction network with provision of cable PCM and microwave systems;

3. Rehabilitation of the external plant which is the weakest link of the system by use of jelly fined cables, pressurisation of dry cables. providing ducts dressing up of DPS, cabinets and pillars.

4. Inducting electronic telephone exchanges in a number of cities.

5. To reduce complaints on Directory Enquiry Service, this service is being computerise.

Long Distance Trunk Telephone Services.

1. Stable and reliable transmission media are being provided for long distance trunk circuits, over the satellite, Microwave, Coaxial and UHF (Radio Systems), linking the national, main and difficult terrain routes.

2. Stand by trunk circuits to keep the trunk services working round the clock have been provided on the national/main routes.

3. A close watch is kept over the performance of the Trunk Manual Exchanges working at the State Capitals, through a close surveillance and monitoring cell.

4. Additional|New Trunk Circuits have been provided wherever justified to cope with the trunk traffic to minimize delays on trunk calls.

5. Additional trunk Boards have been provided wherever justified.

6. Employment of short duty|Reserve Trained Pool staff, telephone operators to make up for absenteeism

7. Provision of Demand Trunk Routes wherever justified.

8. Opending of additional Demand Trunk Manual Exchanges such as in Bombay (Prabhadevi).

9. Provision of good quality headgear sets.

10. Provision of Electronic Trunk Timing Indicators.

Besides, the following are being planned:—

1. Provision of Push Button Diallers.

2. Provision of a 'POSTEX' (Paperless Operation of Trunk Exchange) at Trivandrum on experimental basis as a first step towards computerisation of Trunk Manual Exchanges in the country.

3. Increasing the capacities of electronic trunk automatic exchanges and phasing out the pentaconta crossbar trunk automatic exchange equipment which is responsible for failure of STD calls.

4. Provision of Digital Trunk Automatic Exchange has been planned for 17 stations in the country.

Introduction of Modern Techniques in Telephone Service

623. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the number of cities in the country in which sophisticated and modern techniques have been introduced in telecommunication;

(b) the names and the number of places in the country, state-wise where digitalisation projects have been introduced; and

(c) the names of the cities in the country in which electronic telephones have been introduced or are proposed to be introduced?